

To whom it may concern:

I am currently am an XM Radio subscriber and have been so for close to a year.

Recently, XM began offering "local" traffic and weather channels. I enjoy these channels and find them to be very useful.

Now, I understand that the National Association of Broadcasters group is supporting petition 04-160 that would jeopardize XM's ability to offering local traffic, weather, and potentially other programming.

I pay for my Satellite radio subscription. I do so because I enjoy the programming and services offered. If the service I pay for chooses to expand their programming to include local programming- so much the better!

The fact that such programming threatens the "established" radio station system with a new form of competition does not matter to me in the least. Quite the opposite, I encourage such competition- it is one of the hallmarks of our "free market" economy.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject petition 04-160

The National Association of Broadcasters and their member stations are welcome to try and win me back as a consumer. My hope is that they do so by offering a more attractive product, rather than trying to get the government to "protect their turf".

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